

# THE EVERGLADES NEWS

## The Glades And Its Affairs

Read this paragraph, close your eyes and try to visualize what is sought to be described: A wide, rocky road, and on one side the second largest freshwater lake in the United States, on the other rich soil as far as sight extends; laboring in fields growing vegetables, peppers and tomatoes; the truly royal poinciana tree in gorgeous bloom, and royal palms part of the immense bouquet; and diamond-shaped signals proclaiming "Here is to be the levee that will protect life and property."

Did you see it? That is a section of state road No. 15 in the western part of Palm Beach County, between South Bay and the Hendry county line. To one who has known that region for twelve years—know it to the day, its prosperity at that time, its beauty, its richness in the homes of its people, most of them from the north and west, and the many of them being from the lake overflows, the thoughts of it are akin to those of a man who has seen the Wabash far away. Not that the scenery is so beautiful, but the sense of new-mown hay, for the farm produce on the banks of Okeechobee is not the same as the products on the banks of the Wabash; but it is a region, to which the heart attaches itself when one has had contact with it. Open your eyes and visualize what the country will be a few years hence.

There are not many dwelling houses along there, nor where once were thousands of hopeful human beings, but there will be many if the land monopolists, greedy pigs, will price the land so farmers can buy it and settle on it.

There are strange contrasts along there. Arthur Wells and O. W. Manning are having tractors run down the levee and turn the soil, to plant velvet beans and maintain the fertility of the soil. That is sensible and commendable. A little further on at Bare Beach, Harry Watson of Arcadia is skinning the top soil, taking the heavy part and shipping it away, leaving the land lower and subject to flooding. That is not commendable. The bondholders should stop this latter practice, even if the drainage board members do not pay attention to it.

C. G. Price at Bare Beach is putting in a water system and an electric lighting plant. In many years ago there was a post office in the building Mr. Price owned, burrs, canes and floods, and a large population, but he, undaunted, although advanced in years, has much spirit of progress and the chamber of commerce. They are alert men in that section. J. W. Rashley is carrying on his own experiments in marketing green corn. In the same spirit last Wells and Manning pay attention to conservation of the soil.

There is a blackening of traffic on state road No. 15, inevitable with the end of the tourist season, the close of the sugar mill and the ending of the tree crop season. J. C. Swindle, cattle inspector at the county line, says that three weeks ago the number of east bound cars averaged 200 an afternoon; now it is about 125.

Along state road No. 25, an old friend was encountered. He might be called "a lake character." "How are you getting along?" he was asked. "Not so good," he replied. "I haven't had any luck since I quit drinking." Giddy!

"Water is going through all of the openings in the spillway at Moore Haven. With the lake above elevation 16 feet, and the rain water coming on, it is wise to water every outlet to get water out of the lake. The army engineers seem to be more inclined to live in the lake region than the Everglades drainage district administrators ever were."

Sugar cane is in a better stage of cultivation in the Moore Haven district. That is in the Clewiston division. A motorist observed—"The S. R. D. maintenance crew was running a scraper on the Moore Haven road."

## FRUITS, VEGETABLES COMING AND GOING

Facility and economy in the distribution and sale of citrus fruits from the "highlands" and vegetables from the "lowlands" have been brought about by the use of trucks moving on good roads. Trucks come in from the "ridge country" laden with oranges and these loads having been disposed of here, the trucks take on hamperfuls of boxes and crates of tomatoes and return to the places from which they started.

Carrying loads in both directions instead of going empty on one end of the trip, the transportation cost is divided between the two classes of commodities instead of being borne by one alone.

## 11 TO GRADUATE FROM CLASS IN PAHOKEE SCHOOL

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## DISPLAY YOUR FLAG

Tomorrow (Saturday) being the anniversary of the American Legion, the American Legion will display its flag on the street that leads to the Belle Glade school.

## 333 FROM POPPY SALE

Receipts from the sale of poppies conducted Saturday by the American Legion amounted to \$32.

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## CANAL BUILDER BACK TO WORK ON LAKE LEVEES

Ben Johnson, the inspector on the first section of the Lake Okechobee levee to be built under supervision of the U. S. army engineers, described as "of New Orleans," is the Captain Ben Johnson who dug West Palm Beach canal after spending several years as a superintendent on Panama canal in Central America. Recently he has been on river levee construction in the lower Mississippi valley.

When Captain Johnson returned to dig a canal at Everglades drainage district, he was 15 years ago, he named them the "Canals of the Everglades," and the Gatun to commemorate his earlier connection with a similar and not much larger enterprise, the Canals being a Panama river, Gatun a dam and culverts a heavy cut in a mountain.

The dredge Culbert was taken over by Everglades drainage district and operated in St. Lucie canal.

About nine years ago Captain Johnson had two dredges digging Indian Prairie canal, and one of them, the Redclamer, was later used by the district in making a canal in West Palm Beach canal.

Some of the old-timers on Lake Okechobee who do not know Captain Ben Johnson by sight but there are none who do not know of him.

## PRIZE TO GOOLBSBY IN GARDEN CONTEST

In the annual lawn and garden contest sponsored by the Canal Point Woman's Club, which took place this week, the following were awarded prizes by a committee consisting of Messrs. King, Sheffield and Rev. St. C. Goolbsby.

First prize, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Goolbsby.

Second, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Gibbons.

Third, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Little.

One of the main points in the judging for the past two contests has been on the improvement of the lawn since the previous year. However, since this almost excluded two or three of our prettiest lawns this point will not be given so much credit in the next contest.

The garden committee thanks the judges who gave their time for an afternoon in going over the lawns and rendering their decision.

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re-Tire with Fisks  
**See BOE**  
At the Garage at Canal Point

## VIEWERS GIVEN BY H. C. RORICK ON BOND SUITS

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courts for the protection of the interests of the bondholders. Mr. Rorick reveals that the bondholders' committee suggested in the letter of January 13, 1931, that "before any auditors and accountants are selected to audit the books for the year ending December 31, 1931, that you take up with the bondholders' committee the selection of such firm of auditors and accountants and the committee and thereby save the unnecessary expense and trouble of having two different sets of accountants do this work and also avoid any compromise to this letter, he replied with a list of opinions. No reply was made to this letter, he said.

The comment on the failure to pay bonds and interest due January 1 is short and pointed. Mr. Rorick denounces it as "unwarrantable and indefensible."

On another matter the letter says: "Our committee did not send any money to Palm Beach, but we did file a letter with the drainage commissioners of both the district and the county, protesting against the passage of the new bill and stating some of the reasons why we had no money to pay."

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## BAKER RESIGNS AS POSTMASTER

W. A. Baker, postmaster at Canal Point, has tendered his resignation and has asked that his bondmen be relieved. In sending in his resignation, Baker has asked that Mrs. W. A. Adams, the assistant postmaster, be appointed to succeed him. He does not know what action has been taken.

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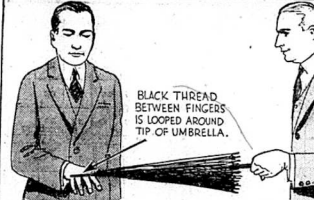
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HOW THREAD PREVENTS LIFTING UP AN UMBRELLA



Prepare for this trick by drawing a black thread through your sleeve, fastening one end to a button of your vest, and making a loop in the other and placing it between your fingers. Lay the loop over your hand, and then, while doing so, slip the loop of the thread over the umbrella. Then, when the person to try and raise the umbrella from your hand, although it is held by only a thin thread, it will be found practically impossible to do so. Ask the person to try, using both hands, and unless he has unusual strength in his arms, it will be found equally difficult to raise the umbrella. Even if the thread should be discovered, this would be a good trick.

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## STOCKHOLDERS TO BE ALLOWED 20 DAYS TO RECOVER FROM SHOCK

The foreman of a crew of negro laborers hoisting sugar cane says that before the plan can go into effect, this is the news the stockholders got from a source in Chicago.

"Concerning a directors' meeting of the Southern Sugar Company and the Cleviston Company, presumably at the office of the Cleviston Company, it is learned that either at a directors' meeting or at a meeting of a committee to handle this matter in charge, the plan of reorganization of the two companies was approved, and that the stockholders are to be advised of this plan. Whether the meeting was held this week or last was not ascertained. However, the plan as approved and notice of its acceptance, has not as yet been sent out. It is understood that notice of this plan is to be mailed to the stockholders in the very near future and that before it becomes official, there will lapse a period of twenty days from the mailing of the notice, in which objection, if any, may be filed."

"No more free light electric current has been furnished free for many years from Moore Haven's municipal-owned light plant for lights at the lock and spillway in three-mile canal. The town officials thought this was unfair to its taxpayers, so a plan has been installed and the drainage district will be charged for the current issued."

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ference will be by Seymour, Mr. Billings, Judge Whitehurst, Mr. Stubbs, W. J. Evans of Miami, local counsel for the reorganization group, and W. McEl. Christian attorney for J. L. Douget and P. C. Bishop, receiver.

Details of the reorganization plan may be revealed at this conference, it was indicated. Except for statements that everything was progressing, practically no information of the bonds and coupon plan has filtered through to this section. The company finished up its grinding season last week after manufacturing more than 50,000,000 pounds of raw sugar.

"Whether these taxes were levied or whether they could be more properly attributed upon the property within the district, yet from the fact that they were actually levied upon the property, the law presumes that the legislature at the time of levying the tax intended them or levied them on the property in the district according to the benefit."

"While it is true that you or I could now, with our hindsight, appertain these taxes in what we would consider a more equitable and better way, yet neither we nor the Florida Legislature could do so at the time the taxes were levied upon the property of the bondholders and take away from the bondholders the taxes levied upon the property of the bondholders and coupon plan on which the bondholders' loaned money to the district."

"Whereas the taxes levied upon the property of the bondholders were properly apportioned in your opinion and mine, and whether they should be greater or less, the bondholders' rights are limited to the taxes which were levied at the time the last bonds were authorized and sold, which was the levy made by the 1925 legislature."

**CALLERS**  
W. M. Stafford, publisher of the Lake Worth Daily Leader, en route to Tampa, stopped in Tuesday morning. He was accompanied by his wife and son. Mrs. Stafford is sister of Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, an employee of The Everglades News.

Gayle Sowers, on his way to West Palm Beach from the west coast, stopped in Canal Point yesterday afternoon to see the ball game.

Sheriff R. C. Baker visited Canal Point and Pahokee yesterday to inquire about policing conditions. He was distressed by the number of accidents on Belle Glade-Pahokee road and asked what could be done to prevent them.

The Okechobee Woman's Club has ceased its meetings until the end of the vacation season October 2.

You can know what is going on in the Lake region while you are away this summer by having The Everglades sent to you.

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## ABOUT PEOPLE

Mrs. V. Gram of Tampa visited in Moore Haven last week with her daughters, Anne and Bertha. Dan Griffith and family have moved back to Moore Haven from Clewiston, where he has been for the sugar company during the milling season. Dan now has a job with the federal government surveyors on lake control.

Mrs. E. J. Steer of Moore Haven, who is employed with the National Red Cross and stationed in the lower Mississippi valley, has been visited by her husband, who has returned here in New Orleans recently. Mr. Steer ran a hardware store in Pahokee a few years ago.

C. C. Klatts, for many years town clerk of Moore Haven and operator of moving picture houses at that place and Clewiston, is now employed with the U. S. engineers who are making the surveys on plans for flood control.

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**CAPT. ROSE'S PAMPHLETS**  
In his active lifetime the late Captain R. E. Rose wrote several valuable bulletins and pamphlets and The Everglades News has been furnished with extra copies that can be sent to anyone who wants them. The pamphlets are: The Florida Ship Canal, Perfect Drainage, Production of Sugar in the Everglades, and The Sugar Industry.

**CLUBS FLOWER CONTEST**  
Mrs. H. C. McDermid won in a flower contest put on at a meeting of the Okechobee Woman's Club when Mrs. Nathan Zelnimovitz had charge of the Beautification program.

**CURTIS-BRIGHT HOTEL**  
The Curtis-Bright Company has given legal notice by publication that it has ceased to operate the Brighton Valley hotel and will not be responsible for any debts incurred there after April 13, W. H. Field is secretary of the Curtis-Bright Company.

**GLADES WEATHER**  
Canal Point  
Temperature and rainfall at Canal Point for the week ending May 24, 1931:

Date	High	Low	Rain
18	85	54	0.00
19	83	60	0.00
20	83	68	0.00
21	85	68	.713
22	89	66	0.00
23	87	62	0.00
24	82	63	0.00

Average 85 Total 0.713  
Total rainfall since January 1, 1931, 16.82 inches.

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